

**Winnisquam Watershed Network
Board of Directors Meeting - October 1, 2018**

5:00 pm Lisa Eggleston calls meeting to order. In attendance (remotely) were: Tom, Ed, Jim, Tom, Terry, Lisa Morin and Dean.

Treasurer's Report - Ed reported approximately \$11,000 in bank. Some of that includes designated milfoil money as we have not yet received final bills.

Milfoil – 19.5 acres of Winnisquam were treated with herbicides. The area near the Lone Star BBQ next to Jay's was not treated because of proximity to a recently reactivated drinking water well for the restaurant. The restaurant is new and did not want to have to deal with using bottled water for ice machines etc. Lisa E. has discussed alternatives with Amy Smagula and it is possible that this area could be treated in the Spring with an herbicide that does not have the same restrictions. Thanks to Lynne for putting up posters warning of herbicide application and obtaining bottled water for residents requesting it.

Lisa E. sent a grant request to NHDES for milfoil treatment in 2019.

Additional milfoil growth was discovered in Sun Ray Shores that will be treated by DASH next week.

Lisa will write up a year-end summary of the milfoil program and asked Bill Esrich to prepare a summary of the weed watching efforts.

Discussions with Municipalities – WWN will continue to communicate with municipalities that front on the lake. Tom (Tilton), Lisa E. (Meredith), Dean (Laconia), Terry (Sanbornton), and Lynne (Belmont) will act as the BOD liasons and continue keeping their municipalities up to date on activities.

WWN will monitor ways to address wastewater system issues such as, changing regulations for upgrading systems based on system age. Particular attention will be paid to homes next to the lake. Ed will investigate mandatory septic system checks when home ownership changes. Dean will contact Lake Winnepesaukee Association to discuss their data gathering activities regarding septic system monitoring and mapping.

Lynne suggested also discussing the use of salt on roads near the lake.

Water Quality Monitoring – Ed organized water quality VLAP sampling the day after Labor Day.

The equipment that Lisa E. ordered arrived at Dean's house and will be stored there until the Spring. WWN now has two sets of VLAP sampling equipment as well as one set of VRAP equipment for the tributaries.

Website Design - Tom will have a meeting tomorrow night with the web designer. One question is which url to use for the WWN. Right now WWN owns two domain names, WinnisquamWatershed.org and WinnisquamWatershedNetwork.org. The first one has email capability (e.g. president@xxx) so Tom suggested using that one. Lisa E. stated that right now all email to info@winnisquamwatershed.org gets forwarded to the gmail email address, but if needed we could set us separate email addresses, e.g. treasurer@winnisquamwatershed.org.

We need pictures of the lake for the website. Tom is working with Ben Dahl of Winnisquam Photography.

We need to keep the website up to date. Business/Association sponsorships should be listed separately.

Business Sponsorships – Jim's daughter's business (Meredith Whole Living) is currently the only sponsor. Winnisquam Marine is onboard to sponsor, also. Terry will continue to coordinate searching for sponsors.

Post Card Mailings – Of the 1300 post cards mailed for the five municipalities, only 104 were returned. Lisa E. reported that 10 new members have signed up so far, most likely in response to the postcards (6 from Sanbornton), (1 Belmont), (1 Meredith) and (2 Laconia). Additional donations were received and new people signed up to be Weedwatchers. There are approximately 300 post cards remaining.

Lynne and Dean have some extra post cards for mailing. The BOD discussed sending another post card mailing in the Spring. Lisa E. will obtain the artwork from BizBuz marketing in case we decide to do so. We also have 2500 copies of the non-mailing postcards that can be placed at area businesses and distributed by BOD members and weed watchers.

WWN will check with Lake Winnepesaukee Association to see if we can use a portion of the Association's brochure and if we can include water quality data on their Gateway website.

Stewardship Brochure – Lisa E. is still accepting comments.

Lisa E. will contact New Hampshire Lakes to get them to link WWN website with theirs, and to discuss adding a requirement for septic system upgrades when properties are sold to their legislative agenda. The intent is for WWN and NH Lakes to support each other.

Next meeting is November 5, 2018.

Respectively submitted,
Dean Anson II
Secretary